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SUBJECT: IEA/SLT - PREPARATIONS FOR R & D GOVERNING
BOARD

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS REFTEL, USDEL FLOATED
INFORMAL WORKING PAPER OUTLINING U.S. INITIATIVES FOR
FALL SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD ON R & D.

2. WHILE NOTING NEED TO STUDY U.S. PROPOSALS, DELEGA-
TIONS RESPONDED MOST FAVORABLY TO CALL FOR CONCRETE
RESULTS FROM FALL MEETING AND THERE EMERGED A CLEAR
CONSENSUS THAT MAJOR ELEMENT OF SUCH RESULT SHOULD BE
PREPARATION OF COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY R & D PLAN FOR WHICH
RECENT ERDA NATIONAL PLAN MAY SERVE AS AN APPROPRIATE
MODEL.

3. THERE WAS LESS CLEAR CONSENSUS ON OTHER U.S. POINTS.
VIEWS ON NEED FOR MAJOR JOINT PROJECTS RANGED FROM SUCH
PROJECTS DESIRABLE IN PRINCIPLE (ITALY, SWITZERLAND) TO
COMMENT NOT POSSIBLE UNTIL INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS
SPECIFIED (FRG, JAPAN, UK, HOLLAND) TO MAJOR PROJECTS
NOT DESIRABLE (DENMARK, SWEDEN). RESPONSE TO IEA R & D
FUND DISTINCTLY COOL WITH SOME DELEGATIONS ARGUING THAT
FUND COULD IMPOSE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER COSTS OUT-
WEIGHING ITS BENEFITS.

4. NEVERTHELESS DELEGATIONS IN AGREEMENT THAT IT BE
RECOMMENDED TO JULY 28 GOVERNING BOARD THAT WORK PROGRAM
BE PLACED IN MOTION TO PREPARE FOR R & D GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

- A. DEVELOPMENT OF COHERENT IEA R & D STRATEGY;
- B. DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS FOR IDENTIFYING SHORT LIST
OF POSSIBLE MAJOR JOINT PROJECTS (TO BE DONE BY SCHMID
KUESTER, SEE PARA 5 BELOW);
- C. STUDY OF POSSIBLE CREATION OF AN IEA JOINT FUND

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AS A MEANS TO BOTH SYMBOLICALLY AND MATERIALLY AUGMENT
IEA POSITION IN R & D AREA, NOTING PRELIMINARY RESERVA-
TIONS EXPRESSED BY SLT DELEGATIONS.

5. SINCE PREPARATIONS FOR SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD ON
R & D WILL GO BEYOND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY OF R & D
SUB-GROUP, IT ALSO AGREED THAT SCHMIDT-KUESTER BE
DESIGNATED TO DIRECT TASK FORCE TO THIS END IN HIS

PERSONAL CAPACITY, CALLING ON INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS, R & D SUB-GROUP OR SLT AS NECESSARY. HE HAS SUGGESTED U.S., UK, FRG AND SWISS PARTICIPATE IN FIRST MEETING WHICH HE HOPES SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 14-16. RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED TO GOVERNING BOARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. COMMENT: SCHMIDT-KUESTER WAS SUBSTANTIALLY MORE FORTHCOMING ON QUESTION OF MAJOR JOINT PROJECTS ON PERSONAL BASIS THAN IN HIS CAPACITY AS SPOKESMAN FOR FRG DELEGATION WHERE HE TOOK LINE THAT, WHILE INTERESTING U.S. PROPOSALS REQUIRED CLOSE STUDY IN CAPITALS. AS CHAIRMAN OF TASK FORCE, HE CLEARLY HAS TAKEN LARGE PERSONAL STAKE IN SUCCESS OF FALL MEETING AND HAS STRESSED ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT HE DEPENDING ON U.S. FOR MAJOR SUPPORT.
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